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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS MEETS WITH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS

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1. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS HAD A LENGTHY MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON (OCTOBER 12) AND THEN DEPARTED FOR NICOSIA. AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS TALKS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, MAKARIOS TOLD THE PRESS THAT THEY HAD EXAMINED THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXISTING SITUATION AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. HE STATED THAT BOTH LEADERS HAD, AS WELL, MADE A REAPPRAISAL OF THE SITUATION AND EXCHANGED VIEWS CONCERNING PROSPECTS AND LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS. IN THIS CONNECTION HE NOTED THAT "WE ARE AWAITING PROPOSALS OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE AS TO ALL ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM." IN CONCLUSION MAKARIOS STATED THAT A COMPLETE IDENTITY OF VIEWS EXISTS BETWEEN US "ALL ALONG THE LINE" AND PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS, WHO WAS BY HIS SIDE, INDICATED HIS AGREEMENT

2. IN RESPONSE TO A JOURNALIST'S QUESTION, MAKARIOS STATED THAT THE NEXT TWO MONTHS WOULD BE "DECISIVE". HE NOTED FURTHER THAT PRESIDENT FORD, WHO HAS THE OBLIGATION TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO CONGRESS CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTS RELEVANT TO CYPRUS WITHIN THAT
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PERIOD, WILL EXERT EFFORTS TO CONVINCE TURKEY TO PROCEED TOWARD

REASONABLE CONCESSIONS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A BASIS FOR A NEW AGREEMENT. MAKARIOS ASSERTED THAT "WE HOPE HE SUCCEEDS."

3. ACCORDING TO THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ATHENS NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN, MAKARIOS ALSO REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS SHOWN KEEN INTEREST IN AN EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE. HOWEVER, HE DECLINED TO GIVE DETAILS OF THE NATURE OF THE EFFORT THE UK WOULD MAKE IN THIS RESPECT.
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